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Dear Sirs:

I, Melvin K. Silverman, do hereby declare and aver as follows:

1. I am the attorney of record in the above Application for Patent.
2. I have been familiar with the invention since 2001.
3. Recently, I took measurements of the apertures found in the prior art of Hobson et al. Des. No. 344, 167.
4. Therein, using simple mathematical formulas for computation of the areas of parallelograms, I calculated the ratio of void space to the sidewall areas.
5. Therein, I calculated the area of the aeration panels of Hobson to be forty-eight (48) to fifty-two (52) percent of the area of each aeration panel, and the area of each panel to be about one-half (1/2) of each entire sidewall. Thus the ratio of aperture area to that of each entire sidewall is in a range of twenty-four (24) to twenty-six (26) percent.

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